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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

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B) CANBERRA 0940

1. COUNSELOR OF ROK EMBASSY CANBERRA, RO MYUNG GONG, ASKED TO CALL ON EMBOFF MAR 1 TO REVIEW SITUATION ON AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION. AS WE WERE IN MIDDLE OF VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY, EMBOFF CALLED AT ROK EMBASSY, WHERE GONG WAS JOINED BY ROK AMBASSADOR LO SUK CHAN.

2. AMBASSADOR LO SAID THAT WHITLAM HAD BEEN POLITE BUT UNWILLING TO BUDGE DURING LO'S MEETING WITH HIM ON FEB 20 (REF A). MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, WHITLAM HAD MADE CLEAR THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD OPEN RESIDENT MISSION IN PYONGYANG WITH AMBASSADOR. (THIS IS CONTRARY TO OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING FROM DFA, THAT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO BURMA, GARY WOODWARD, WOULD ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO DPRK, SINCE THERE IS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED AIRLINE SERVICE FROM RANGOON TO PYONGYANG.)

AMBASSADOR LO SAID THAT, IN COMMENTING ON NEED TO HAVE RESIDENT AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN PYONGYANG WHITLAM HAD MADE CLEAR HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT AUSTRALIAN

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CHARGE WOODBERY IN HANOI (REF B) HAD HAD VERY LIMITED

ACCESS TO HIGH LEVEL DRV OFFICIALS. WHITLAM EVIDENTLY
BELIEVED THAT ONLY AN AMBASSADOR COULD HAVE ADEQUATE
ACCESS TO DRV AND DPRK OFFICIALS.

3. AMBASSADOR LO C TED THUG APRTWAMENT RESUMES SITTING
AFTERNOON OF MAR 5 (CANBERRA TIME) AND THAT HE ASSUMED
WHITLAM WOULD ANNOUNCE RECOGNITION OF DPRK SHORTLY
THEREAFTER.
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